THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. All Homoeopathic medicines purchased by Central Govt. for supplying to CGHS dispensaries are got tested from Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad (Government Laboratory) to ensure quality control. There is no provision for re-testing of these medicines in Laboratories other than the Government Laboratories. However, the manufacturer may get re-testing from private laboratories at his own cost, but such a report is not binding on the Government.

1621. [*Transferred to the 7th August*, 1989]

Incentives to Doctors Serving in Rural Areas

1622. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special monetary and other incentives are given to doctors for serving in rural areas;

(b) whether these incentives to doctors have proved effective to encourage them to serve in rural areas;

(c) if so, to what extent and if not, whether Government propose to provide sufficient incentives to doctors to serve in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (d) In order to attract doctors to serve in rural areas, the 8th Finance Commission, on the suggestions of the Ministry of Health and F.W. has provided special funds to States for providing the following incentive to doctors serving in rural areas and not allowed private practice:—

(i) A rural allowance equal to 25 per cent of the basic pay subject to a maximum of Rs 250/- per month for the doctors serving in PHCs and

(ii) House rent allowance at the rate of Rs. 15/- per month where the doctors are not provided residential accommodation, in addition, the Finance Commission has made sepcial provision ..of Rs. 53.52 crores for construction of residential quarters for the doctors, 9th Finance Commision has also recommended an outlay of Rs. 946.36 lakhs for construction of additional quarters for doctors working in PHCs.

Consequent to the introduction of these incentives, there appears to be at present better deployment of doctors in rural areas and only 111 Primary Health Centres out of a total of 18,939 or 0.58 per cent were without doctors on 31st March, 1989 according to reports from State Goverments.

Import of Psychotherapeutic Drugs

1623. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 111 given in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the imports of various Psychotherapeutic drugs during the last 3 years, year-wise and whether it is a fact that some of them are being imported at a price of Rs. 1 lakh per Kg.;

(b) whether it is a fact that multinationals are sending country's money abroad;

(c) whether it is also a fact that loot of the Indian public and the country is mainly on account of the baseless views of his Ministry on the subject; and

(d) what steps have been taken to reconsider the matter and fix responsibility for helping the multinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The list of Psychotherapeutic drugs imported during last three years and their cost, as available with this Ministry, is given in the Annexure I [*See* Ap-